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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION ISSUE

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1. BRIEFED DANISH AMB KRONMANN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON SUBJECT AS PER REFTELS (A) AND (B). HIS IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT THIS INFO SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO NORWEGIAN AND DANISH GOVTS, AND HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT BOTH GOVTS WOULD WANT TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO FORESTALL THE INVOKING OF ART VII. HE ASKED IF I HAD BRIEFED NORWEGIAN AMB LYDVO. WHEN I TOLD HIM OF LYDVO' S REACTION (REFTEL C), HE REMARKED THE METHOD OF PASSING THIS INFO TO RESPECTIVE GOVTS WAS ONLY A MINOR MATTER AND SEEMED SURPRISED THAT LYDVO SEEMED SO CONCERNED. HE THEN SPECU-

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LATED AS TO WHAT LYDVO' S CONCERN MIGHT BE SAYING THAT IT IS

CONCEIVABLE, ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW THIS FOR A FACT, THAT AT THE RECENT NORDIC FONMINS' MTG AGUSTSSON MIGHT WELL HAVE MENTIONED HIS PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION THE NORWEGIANS AND THE DANES AND MAY HAVE GOTTEN THEIR APPROVAL ON THE BASIS THAT INVOKING ART VII WAS STRICTLY A PROCEDURAL STEP. HE REITERATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THIS TO BE SO; HE WAS ONLY SPECULATING. HE SAID AGUSTSSON CERTAINLY KNOWS HOW IMPORTANT THE IDF IS TO SCANDINAVIA. HE THEN REMARKED THAT IT MIGHT BE WELL TO ACCOMMODATE LYDVO' S CONCERN AND SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO APPROACH THE MATTER AS FOLLOWS: (A) THAT USG INSTRUCT USNATO PERMREP TO BRIEF THE DANISH AND NORWEGIAN PERMREPS SUGGESTING THAT THEY MIGHT WANT TO EXPRESS CONCERN TO GOI PERMREP TOMASSON; (B) THAT MEANWHILE LYDVO AND HE WILL SEND THE SUBSTANCE OF MY CONVERSATION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVTS AS BACKGROUND ALERTING THEM AT SAME TIME THAT THE US PERMREP WILL BE APPROACHING THEIR RESPECTIVE PERMREPS. IT WAS AGREED THAT KRONMANN, LYDVO AND I WOULD MEET TOGETHER TOMORROW, MAY 2 AT 10:30 AM WASH TIME (2:30 P. M. LOCAL TIME) TO DISCUSS SUBJECT MATTER FURTHER.

2. COMMENT: THE DANISH AMB' S APPROACH MAY WELL BE THE BEST ONE, EVEN IF JUST TO GET THIS OFF DEAD CENTER. IT WOULD APPEAR NATURAL TO DO AS HE SUGGESTS, AND IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GET LYDVO' S APPROVAL. KRONMANN THINKS THAT ONCE THE INFO GETS TO COPENHAGEN AND OSLO THESE TWO GOVTS WILL BE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THE INFO WITHOUT ANYONE SUGGESTING WHAT THE NEXT COURSE OF ACTION SHOULD BE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT' S VIEWS BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM BEFORE MY MTG TOMORROW ON KRONMANN' S APPROACH.
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